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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 50/225 of 19 April 1996, 53/201 of 15 December 1998, 56/213 of 21 December 2001 and 57/277 of 20 December 2002 on public administration and development, as well as Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/45 of 20 December 2001,

Stressing the need for capacity-building initiatives aimed at institution-building, human resources development, strengthening financial management and harnessing the power of information and technology,

Recalling that 2006 will mark the tenth anniversary of the resumed fiftieth session of the General Assembly on public administration and development,

Welcoming e-Government initiatives as a tool to promote development,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of public administration in the implementation of the United Nations Millennium Declaration;[1]

2. *Reiterates* that efficient, accountable, effective and transparent public administration, at both the national and international levels, has a key role to play in the implementation of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[2] and in that context stresses the need to strengthen national public sector administrative and managerial capacity-building, in particular in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] A/58/152.

[2] See resolution 55/2.

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3. *Takes note with appreciation* of the commemoration of 23 June as United Nations Public Service Day and the granting of the United Nations Public Service Awards, which provide motivation for public servants all over the world to enhance public administration as a tool for development, and in this regard encourages Member States to participate in the award process by nominating candidates;

4. *Welcomes* the adoption of the Ibero-American Charter for the Public Service at the fifth Ibero-American Conference of Ministers for Public Administration and State Reform, held in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, on 26 and 27 June 2003;[3]

5. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the fourth Global Forum on Reinventing Government, held in Marrakech, Morocco, on 11 and 12 December 2002;[4]

6. *Expresses its deep appreciation* for the generous offer of the Government of Mexico to host the fifth Global Forum on Reinventing Government, in Mexico City, in November 2003;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to organize a special event in 2006 to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the resumed fiftieth session of the General Assembly on public administration and development;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General further to support information exchange and research and disseminate successful practices in public administration that contribute to achieving the Millennium Development Goals;

9. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue supporting the e-Government initiatives in the African, Asian, Central American and Caribbean regions as a tool for development;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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[3] A/58/193, annex II.

[4] A/58/383, annex.